THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, 18th December 1956.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at nine of the clock, the Deputy Speaker (SRI B. BHAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Tamil research students in the Presidency College, Madras

* 358 *Q*.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether Tamil research students are given classes by the Chief Professor or the additional Professor of Tamil in the Presidency College, Madras?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Even though the additional Professors are called upon to turn out additional work such as taking up research classes, they are not paid on a par with the additional Professors in English and other languages. Further, the number of additional Professors in Tamil is limited to one or two, whereas that for English and other languages is more. Will the Government come forward to give Tamil its rightful place by giving equal privileges to Tamil Professors at this stage of this country's progress?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Even though this question does not arise out of the main question, I may assure the hon. Member and the House that all facilities are being given to Tamil. More prominence is being given to Tamil nowadays.

Expenditure incurred by the Alangudi Block Development Advisory Committee

* 359 *Q*.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the expenditure incurred by the Alangudi Block Development Advisory Committee from its inception on travelling allowance and daily allowance, paid to its official and non-official members, out of the allotment made for the Committee for attending the meetings of the Committee?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The expenditure incurred on the payment of Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance to the non-official members of the Alangudi Block Advisory Committee is Rs. 469-8-0. The figures of expenditure in respect of official members are not available as they do not draw their Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance exclusively for attending the meetings of the Block Advisory Committee.

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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : To what period does this amount relate, please?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The scheme was launched in October 1954 and therefore this should represent the expenditure incurred for the last two years.

Cycle allowance to the Road Inspectors in the Highways Department

* 360 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM (on behalf of Sri P. Jeevanandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any cycle allowance is given to the Road Inspectors in the Highways Department;

(b) whether these employees are expected to own a cycle; and

(c) if answer to (a) is in the negative, the reasons for it?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) & (b) Yes. Sir; Provincialized Road Inspectors in the Highways Department are paid a cycle allowance of Rs. 4 per mensem.

(c) Does not arise.

Temple Executive Officers

* 361 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Temple Executive Officers of the various grades working under the Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Board ;

(b) the number of the above officers belonging to the Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes in each grade ; and

(c) whether the Communal Government Order is made applicable for selection of candidates for the appointment of Executive Officers?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :

(a)

Number of grade of Executive Officer.	Number of Executive Officers.
(1)	(2)
I	12
II	15
III	64
IV	80
V	155
VI	60